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**HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR UNION STATION HOMELESS
SERVICES**

Union Station Homeless Services is part of a premier group of human services agencies in Los Angeles County that are leading the way to ending homelessness in our community. They are the San Gabriel Valley's largest social service agency assisting homeless and low-income adults and families. Since 1973, they have helped rebuild the lives of thousands of people who were once homeless and without hope. They are also the lead agency for the Service Planning Area (SPA) 3 Coordinated Entry System (CES) Collaborative.

Approval and financial commitment to the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, by the Board of Supervisors, has resulted in the allocation of additional resources to address homelessness in Los Angeles County. While most of the SPAs received considerably more funding to expand coordinated entry and outreach, SPA 3 received significantly less funding than requested than in previous years. The limited funding received by SPA 3 was largely due to funding restrictions related to jurisdictions. Unfortunately, this has meant that SPA 3 homeless service agencies have been unable to expand their outreach, housing navigation, and housing retention services proportional to the need.

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This funding will be used to provide Coordinated Entry Services in SPA 3 which will include outreach, case management, housing navigation, housing location, permanent housing placement, mental health and substance use services, and housing retention services in cities in both the First and Fifth District. Populations served will include Adults and Youth (TAY) experiencing homelessness, with a focus on the chronically homeless – those persons who have a disability and who have been homeless for a year or more.

Funds would be managed by Union Station Homeless Services who, as well as providing many of the core services, will be subcontracting with specialist social service providers, including: New Directions for Veterans, Volunteers of America (VOA) and Housing Works.

Based on the Board's June 2015 action, the CEO has delegated authority to enter into HPI funded agreements of up to \$250,000. However, because the \$375,000 allocation to support Union Station Homeless Services exceeds the delegated authority amount, the Board's approval of this action is required.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to utilize \$187,500 from the First District's allocation of Homeless Prevention Initiative funds and \$187,500 from the Fifth District's allocation of Homeless Prevention Initiative funds to Union Station Homeless Services, the lead CES agency for SPA 3.

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